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West Virginia Legislature

Senate Finance Committee

Thursday, February 21, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Room 451-M

The Senate Committee on Finance met at 3:00 p.m. in room 451-M on Thursday, February 21, 2019. Senator Blair, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the committee clerk took a silent roll call to establish a quorum.

Members present: Senators Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Mann, Maroney, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Unger and Chairman Blair.

The Chairman recognized Vice-Chairman Mann for approval of the minutes from the Tuesday, February 20, 2019, 3:00 p.m. meeting. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Jeff Johnson, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain Originating Bill 3 – Allowing TeleStroke in telemedicine, and to answer questions of the committee. Counsel Johnson explained the language for the bill was included in the Budget and therefore, the bill was not required

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain SB 592 – Providing for collection of hotel occupancy tax by marketplace facilitators, and to answer questions of the committee. Christian Asam, Jefferson County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, was also recognized to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of SB 592 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Alan Nichols, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain SB 316 – Increasing salaries for members of WV State Police over three-year period, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of SB 316 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain Committee Substitute for SB 522– Creating Special Road Repair Fund, explain the proposed committee substitute and to answer

questions of the committee. Aaron Gillespie, State Highway Engineer, West Virginia Department of Highways was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved to lay the bill over pending additional information. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain SB 535 –Allowing City of Buckhannon begin collecting sales and service and use tax on July 1, 2019, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of SB 535 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain SB 421 –Relating to annual legislative review of economic development tax credit, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of SB 421 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Nichols, to explain SB 456 –Authorizing railroads and commercial watercraft claim refundable exemption from motor fuel excise tax, and to answer questions of the committee. Jason Wazelle, Norfolk Southern Railroad, was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved the bill be postponed indefinitely. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chairman recognized Senator Roberts for a motion to adjourn and declared the motion adopted.